

# finalists living spaces

## Raquel Garcia Design

The client for this formal living room asked designer Raquel Garcia to treat the project as if it were her own home. Crystal, the first thing the designer purchased for the room, reflects the gorgeous water view outside, and a colorful silk pillow has a watery wash of hues, echoed in the painting over the mantel. “I kept it very simple but used little splashes of color everywhere to reflect the client’s personality,” says Garcia, whose neutral palette will give the family a chance to grow into the space. Garcia used a mix of old (antique gold, antique mirror) and new (Lucite, glass) materials that both reflect the water and give the space a warm, lived-in feeling. “There’s a lushness about it,” says Garcia. “It’s very inviting. It kind of beckons you in.” -AK

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